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GOALS, PROBLEMS OF AUTOMOBILE AND TRACTOR MINISTRY;
TRACTOR OUTPUT, COST REDUCTION

PLAN 1953 PRODUCTION -- Tallin, Sovetskaya Estoniya, 11 Dec 52

The series production of the following vehicles has been planned for 1953: the GAZ-69, an eight-passenger vehicle of increased roadability; the YaAZ-210-G six wheel-drive tractor truck for 25- to 40-ton trailers; the YaAZ-210-D tractor truck for semitrailers; a 19-passenger service bus; and the Belarus' medium power wheel tractor.

By 1955, 35 percent of all metal-cutting machine tools in the automobile and tractor industry will be operating on high-speed methods, and the majority of polishing operations will be fully mechanized. -- G. C. Khilamov, Minister of the Automobile and Tractor Industry

SCRAP PERSONAL INSPECTION STAMP SYSTEM -- Moscow, Moskovskaya Pravda, 16 Nov 52

The Secretariat of the All-Union Central Council of Trade Unions has condemned the improper practice, followed by some enterprises of the Ministry of Automobile and Tractor Industry and the Ministry of Electrical Industry, of issuing outstanding workers personal inspection stamps. Owing to this practice, the output of these workers by-passes regular inspection by the Division of Technical Control, with the result that quality has fallen down, rejects have increased, and workers turning out defective products are not detected and punished.

25X1A At the Moscow Small Displacement Automobile Plant, 1,093 workers were awarded personal inspection stamps [REDACTED] describes defective output attributable to personal inspection at this plant, and more than 400 workers at the Moscow First State Bearing Plant work on the personal inspection system.

The Secretariat of the All-Union Central Council of Trade Unions has recommended that trade unions and economic organizations put a stop to the issuance of personal inspection stamps and strengthen regular technical control at plants.

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FAIL TO BUILD TRACTOR PARTS -- Minsk, Sovetskaya Belorussiya, 2 Dec 52

Machine building, machine tool, and tool plants of the Belorussian SSR have not been fulfilling assignments for the decentralized production of tractor spare parts. This is true of Gomel' and Minsk machine building plants, the Mogilev Locomobile Plant, and the Vitebsk Grinding Machine Plant.

For example, the Minsk Automobile Plant was supposed to make 1,500 gears for the side transmission of the KD-35, DT-54, and STZ-NATI tractors, but in 5 months it has produced only about 100 gears, and it has not even started making other spare parts.

The Minsk Tractor Plant was supposed to make 600 gears for the KD-35 tractor, but Tarasov, the plant director, has not yet ordered production of the parts.

Enterprises of Belpromsovet (Belorussian Council of Industrial Cooperatives) are pledged to produce 140,000 packing glands [in 1952], but this order was only 2 percent complete on 30 October.

TRACTOR PLANT CUTS COSTS -- Kiev, Pravda Ukrayny, 25 Nov 52

In 1952, the Khar'kov Tractor Plant imeni Ordzhonikidze increased its gross output per 1,000 rubles of fixed assets 2.5 times and cut production costs in half as compared in 1948. In 1948, strict economy had made a state subsidy unnecessary, and the plant became a profitable enterprise.

The KhtZ-7 garden tractor has been put into production, and models of the KhtZ-1 diesel garden tractor have been built and are now undergoing state tests.

The first models of the new KhtZ-15 electric tractor have been completed and are now being tested at the plant.

In 1952, the plant has reduced the consumption of ferrous rolled stock 5.4 percent, and of nonferrous metals 7.8 percent, as compared to 1951. Poor planning by the Division of the Chief Technologist often disrupts the work of the shops and sections. -- M. Pashin, director, Khar'kov Tractor Plant

SHIPS TRACTORS TO COTTON GROWERS -- Leningradskaya Pravda, 12 Dec 52

The Khar'kov Tractor Assembly Plant recently shipped a consignment of above-plan KhtZ-7 tractors to Turkmen SSR cotton growers.

In 1952, the production cost of KhtZ-7 tractors has been reduced 20 percent, as compared to 1951. The plant has already accumulated 7.7 million rubles above the [year] plan.

TEST BOG TRACTOR -- Moscow, Izvestiya, 11 Dec 52

The DT-55, an experimental bog tractor built by the Stalingrad Tractor Plant, is being tested in the Belorussian SSR.

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PRODUCES BICYCLES -- Vil'nyus, Sovetskaya Litva, 22 Nov 52

In September 1952, the Shyaulay Bicycle Plant started series production of the Lastochka children's bicycle. The plant is equipped with machine tools from Moscow, Leningrad, Minsk, and Chimkent.

COMPLETES PLAN EARLY -- Moscow, Trud, 7 Dec 52

The Leningrad Carburetor Plant imeni Kuybyshev completed its 1952 plan on 6 December.

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